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CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the construction of cold storages by private sector as well as by public sector keeping in view the increasing demand of cold storages in the country;

(b) whether the Government provide any financial assistance to private sector for the construction of cold storages; and

(c) if so, the criteria adopted for providing subsidy and loan amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) to (c) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a scheme, namely, `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce`through National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body of this Department.

Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of back ended capital investment subsidy is provided @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost up to a ceiling of Rs. 60.00 lakh per project for North Eastern States through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in case of projects involving loan. In case of projects fully funded by entrepreneurs from his own resources, subsidy is directly released by NHB. The eligible organizations under the scheme include NGOs, Association of Growers, Partnership/Proprietary Firms, Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/Committees and Agro Industries Corporations.